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## REPORT

### To Our Reader - Owners

#### HOORAY FOR PETAL!

Bill Becker sent in the other day a marked copy of the Petal Paper of January 23 which certainly deserved marking. And after reading it anyone who feels discouraged about the culture and future of the State of Mississippi had better do a little revision job on his thoughts.

This Petal Paper—yes, that's the name of the little sheet—is published in Petal, Miss., a village of some 2000 people not far from the flourishing town of Hattiesburg with 30,000 population. The name of the editor is P. D. EAST. We print his name in capital letters because it deserves to be in very large letters indeed: that guy has guts!

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In the issue Becker sent us Editor EAST published on the first page a headline: Population Decline — Where Went the Mules? Under that headline he solemnly printed a table showing the decline in mule population in Mississippi and three other Southern States from 1950 to 1954. The total loss of mule population in those States in four years amounted to 381,560. Now, the question arises: What became of those mules? Well, Editor EAST passes on a suggestion:

"This figure representing the total loss of mules is close to the figure given by the Citizens Councils as being their total membership. Since mules are awfully close to jackasses, I would say that they have joined the Citizens Councils, declaring themselves to be jackasses."

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#### orval faubus

These Citizens Councils, it is to be assumed our readers know, are the "white supremacy" organizations fighting integration in the schools. And they're mighty important in Mississippi!

Incidentally, this Petal editor whose name deserves capital letters always prints the name of the Governor of Arkansas as follows: orval faubus. No capital letters wasted there!

## Unemployment top news; a headline!

Surpassing all local news in importance for labor this week was the announcement in Washington by the Commerce and Labor Departments that national unemployment jumped last month by 1,120,000, to a total of 4,494,000, the biggest monthly rise since World War II. A picture of a breadline in one city appeared, the first in years.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Clean Laundry Union drawing many recruits

The AFLCIO Laundry Workers & Cleaners Union, organized after the old Laundry Workers Union was expelled on motion of the Ethical Practices Committee, is making good headway, the Central Labor Council was told this week.

Those reporting were Russ Crowell and Eddie Maney, representing, respectively, the dyeing and cleaning local and the laundry workers local here which have cast in their lot with the new union as a clean group untainted by the practices denounced by the Ethical Practices Committee.

Both Crowell and Maney had attended a meeting of representatives of locals from the 11 Western States, held in San Francisco that afternoon.

The meeting was addressed by Ralph T. Fagan, president of the old ousted union. Crowell and Maney refused to go along with the locals which voted to stay with Fagan's outfit, and Crowell told the CLC delegates:

"Fagan has been trying to tell us that in quitting his outfit we were the victims of wild promises by the AFLCIO, that we would if we stayed with the AFLCIO never again have an international of our own, that we would be merged with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, etc."

"Well, on February 11 we got

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## Open shoppers have troubles

Among the many political items discussed at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, one stood out — that the open shop advocates are having trouble getting circulators of their "right to work" initiative petitions.

Secretary Robert S. Ash said that the member of one union had turned over to him a letter signed "Bill Flaherty" asking the recipient to act as a circulator and promising 20 cents per valid signature. "Flaherty" gave his address as 1412 Webster Street, telephone TWinoaks 3-4431.

Ash said there were other indications that the "right to work" crowd was having difficulties getting the signatures to qualify the measure.

With some GOP groups side-stepping the issue, and with members of the Legislature polled by the United Press in a majority predicting that the open shop measure would be defeated if it got on the ballot, it was emphasized that labor should not get overly confident.

In this connection, President Al Brown appointed the following committee to confer with a similar committee from the Building Trades Council on preparations for a mass meeting against the open shop proposal: Secretary Ash, Len Lawson of the Communications Workers, Frank DeMartini of the Teamsters, William Drohan of the IUE, and Jeffery Cohelan of the Milk Drivers.

## 'Wards is a scab outfit, boycott them!' says BTC

Montgomery Ward & Company in Oakland and throughout the United States is a non-union anti-union rat scabby fink outfit, and should be boycotted by every union member and every friend of labor.

Such was the gist of the comment made by many speakers at the meeting this week of the Building Trades Council.

In more formal language the council is notifying the Central Labor Council and all its affiliates that there should be no misunderstanding—that the Building Trades Council does have a dispute with Montgomery Ward & Company, and is urging boycott of the company.

The discussion preceding the adoption of this arose over the question of whether BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers had told the CLC executive committee that the BTC had no dispute with Ward's. Also involved were the relations between Teamster Warehousemen 853, which has a contract with Ward's Oakland store, and Painters 127 and Carpenters 36 of the BTC.

On the question of whether Childers had told the CLC that the BTC had no dispute with Ward's, Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, said that if such a statement was made it was in error, and if it was not made, the CLC executive committee should remove it from its minutes.

Childers said flatly that he did not make the statement at the CLC executive committee meeting.

The motion that the CLC should be notified of the dispute and of the BTC backing the boycott was originally made by Rutledge, and, as slightly amended

by J. C. Reynolds, Lathers 88, was passed with a whoop.

Speakers from the Painters and the Carpenters declared that until Teamster Warehousemen 853 got a contract with the Ward store in Oakland, while there was no formal contract covering the building trades maintenance men at the store, such men did get the regular scale for their unions for maintenance men.

Since Warehousemen 853 got the contract, they said, the building trades maintenance men employed there have been getting pay much less than the building trades scale, and have been solicited to join the Warehousemen, and have in some instances joined that union.

Promises made to building tradesmen by W. D. Nicholas and Tom Connor of Warehousemen 853 have failed to get fulfillment, it was contended. The net results of picketing by the Painters and Carpenters, and of fining members who went back to work at Ward's against their unions' desire is that building trades maintenance men at Ward's in Oakland now belong to Warehousemen 853 and get low pay.

The difference in pay cited was around 55 cents an hour, with men who get the proper building trades maintenance scale getting \$3.20 an hour, and those now in the Warehousemen getting only \$2.65. In addition, the building trades maintenance contracts provide for 14½ cents an hour health and welfare, and 7 cents vacation fund.

In addition to those already mentioned, among those who spoke on the subject were Chester Bartalini, C. E. Risley, and Lem Flanagan for the Carpenters; and Floyd Peaslee for the Painters.

#### MARIUS WALDAL

Marius Waldal in the February 14 issue of East Bay Labor Journal

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## Seffer elected finance secretary of IAM 1518 in ten-candidate race

Production Workers Local 1518, International Association of Machinists, will install John R. Seffer as financial secretary February 27, and he will take office March 3.

The election, to choose a successor to the late Herb Hoover, was held February 13 at Carpenters Hall in Hayward.

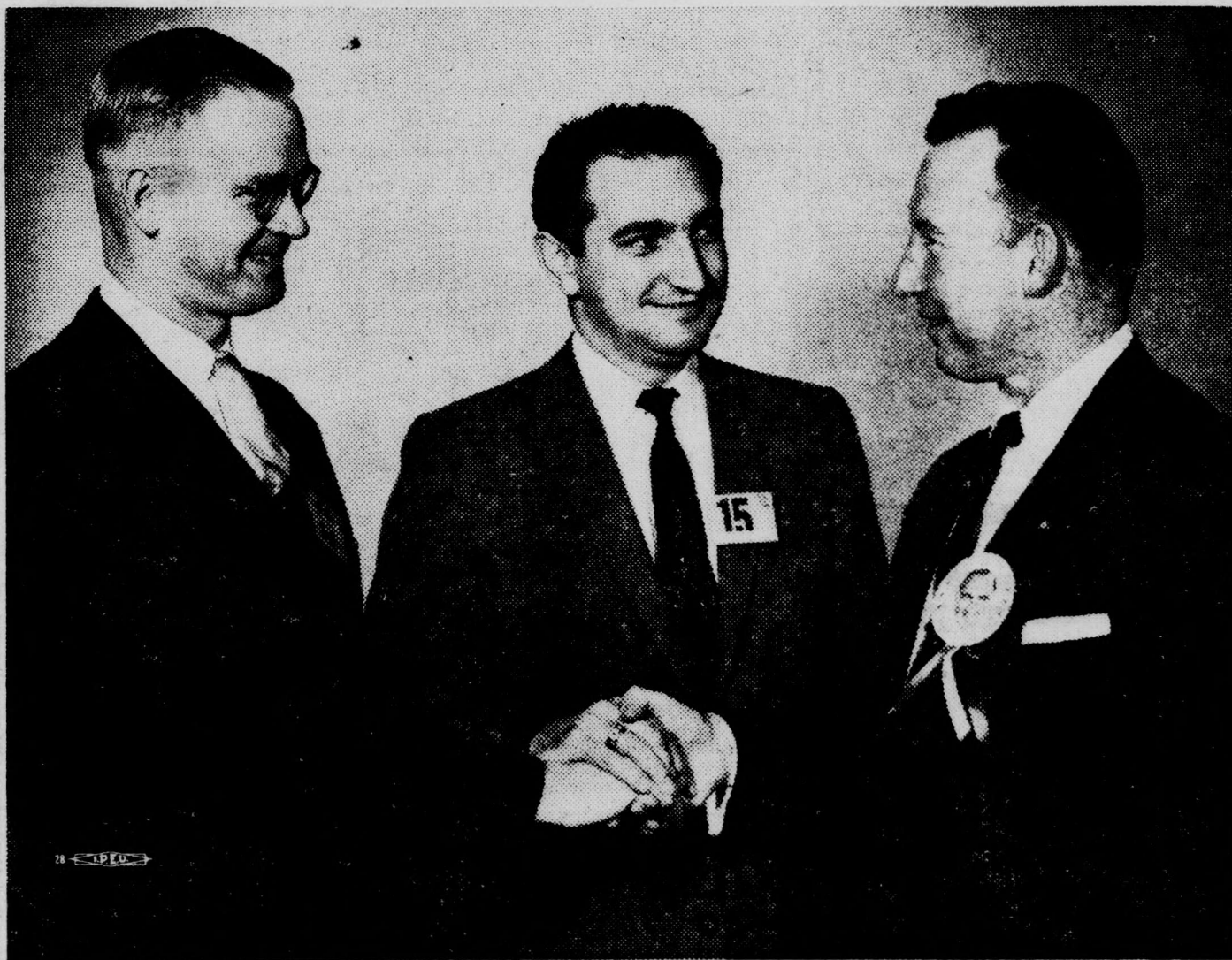
There were ten candidates for the office. The votes were cast as follows: Seffer 154, H. C. Matthews 134, E. D. Wadlow 121, L. L. Thompson 104, Curtice Booth 72, Jules Bertola 66, Sidney Wallace 52, Bill Silva 35, Eugene Herbster 10, Harry Streseman 5.

Seffer has been a member 12 years, and has been very active on the building committee, the executive board, as a trustee, and as delegate to District Lodge 115.

## Musicians Local 6 helps fight on 'wreck' law

Musicians Local 6 of San Francisco has joined labor's campaign against "right to work" plotters with a bang.

President Charles "Pop" Kennedy announced that the union had provided free music for anti-"right to work" rallies of the San Francisco and San Mateo Central Labor Councils. The local also gave free hall facilities to the California State Federation of Labor for the statewide "right to work" strategy meeting.



CANDIDATES AND CHAIRMAN shake hands at the close of the convention of the Alameda County Democratic Clubs held recently at Oakland Auditorium. Candidate for the State Senate John Holmdahl, an Oakland City Councilman (left); Candidate for the Assembly in the 15th District Nicholas Petris; and Convention Chairman John J. King, Grand Lodge representative, I. A. M.

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# HOW TO BUY

## Health-insurance for oldsters

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Older people need health insurance most but find it hardest to get. Most insurance companies don't sell hospital and sickness insurance to oldsters, and when they do, charge high premiums or provide only limited benefits. Also, many group sickness plans which cover wage-earners stop when they retire.

The result is, two of three people over 65 have no health insurance. But older folks generally incur hospitalization costs three times those of people under 65, and their surgical expenses are twice as heavy.

Governor Orville Freeman of Minnesota has reported that 40 percent of his state's old-age assistance payments have been going for medical bills.

That's why unions and many welfare organizations are backing the Forand bill to provide hospitalization and surgical benefits for people getting Social Security, widows with young children as well as people over 65. This has become the hottest issue of the actually 303 different bills to change Social Security introduced into the present Congress.

The American Medical Association is bitterly fighting the Social Security hospital-insurance idea. At its last convention, it named this proposal the major immediate challenge to the medical profession, along with coronary heart disease, the doctors must beat. But the AMA has offered no alternative suggestions for solving the problem.

The health-insurance need of older folks recently has led some commercial insurance companies to promote hospitalization policies for them. This department has examined a number of these policies. On the surface, they seem inexpensive. Several are a little better than others. But in general, they are expensive for the limited benefits provided.

One older woman reports she had a hospitalization policy which cost only \$18 a year. But when she fell ill after two years of paying premiums, the policy paid just \$25 in benefits for five weeks in the hospital.

In fact, some "hospitalization insurance" sold to older folks pays benefits only if hospitalization is due to an accident. Because older people can't afford more comprehensive illness insurance, they often buy such "accident" policies. It would be wiser to buy a smaller amount of comprehensive insurance paying benefits for any illness, than to insure yourself only against accidents.

Another fooler in some seemingly-cheap hospitalization policies is that they pay only daily hospital expense, as \$10 a day, and little or nothing towards miscellaneous expenses as operating room fee, costs of anesthetics, medicines, laboratory service, etc. In many illness, especially if involving surgery, the charge for the hospital room is only part of your expense. You might have a ten-day stay in a hospital and collect \$100 from the insurance at the rate of \$10 a day, but still have to foot the balance of a bill of \$300 or \$400 yourself.

One active mail-order seller of hospitalization insurance for older people, the Old American Insurance Co., of Kansas City, Mo., offers a hospital-expense insurance for \$19.50 a year. But the benefits are only \$5 a day for up to 30 days for any one sickness or injury, and only \$20 for miscellaneous hospital - service expenses as operating room, laboratory, medicines, etc. Thus while the price seems cheap, you have very little real financial protection against a major illness.

## Fathers-to-be in new role

Fathers-to-be today may spurn the traditionally smoke-filled hospital waiting room. Some prefer, instead, to be at their wife's side during her labor, and occasionally even venture into the delivery room to offer comfort and assurance during the birth.

"No one is more petrified," says one registered nurse, "than the woman alone in labor. If ever a woman needs her husband's moral support and assurance, it is then."

## To the Ladies:

## FROM the EDITOR

WHEN IT RAINS rather persistently we who live here in this usually pleasant climate feel quite annoyed. But just think of the weather a woman who lives in the Midwest recently wrote a friend out here about!

"We had a tornado in the summer that blew away our double garage—where, we don't know; took the back porch off, blew a tree up against the door so we couldn't get out; blew down nearly all of the trees, some of them nearly a hundred years old; blew onto our planted fields pieces of building from other farms. Luckily, none of us were hurt, though plenty scared."

ANOTHER TWISTER arrived a week after Veterans Day, and it "moved the new garage we built to replace the other one about 3 feet off its foundation, and blew a corn dump from one crib to another."

"We couldn't burn the fallen trees until the crops were harvested, but after that my husband began hauling them off to burn them. But he got a bad gash in the thigh while working with the tractor on that job, and now is working with a big bandage on his leg. Then all of us had the flu, were quite miserable."

A LITTLE RAIN doesn't seem so bad after hearing a story of that sort.

Women work hard on a modern farm as well as on the old-fashioned kind, so you can imagine how busy that housewife in the Midwest was, cleaning up after the tornados, helping her injured husband, and doing all the other odd jobs that are needed at such times.

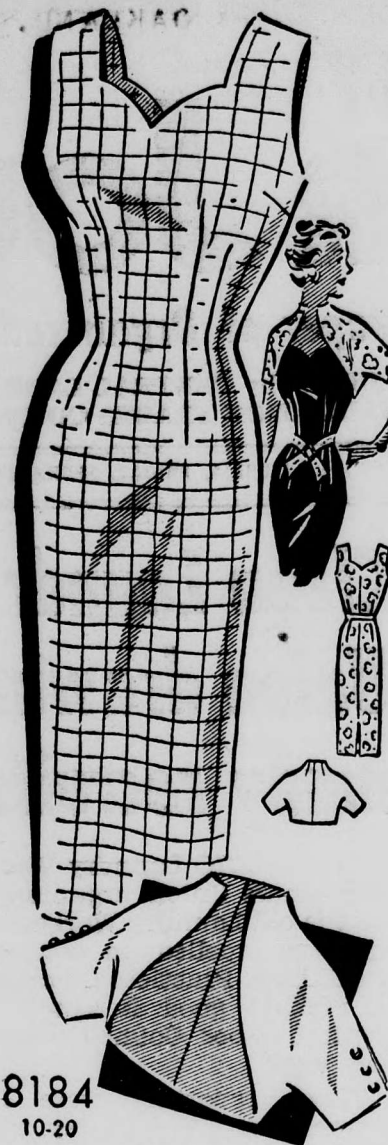
## How to salvage stale peanuts

Among other headaches that face the hostess the morning after a cocktail party are dishes half full of stale peanuts. A reader asks if salted, shelled peanuts may be freshened and served again.

Peanuts may be crisped quite successfully. Set the oven at a moderate temperature (350 degrees F.). Place the peanuts in a shallow pan. For every cupful of peanuts add one tablespoonful butter. Heat peanuts for about ten minutes or until they are moderately browned. Stir during heating process.

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## 2 out of 3 own sewing machine

The ever-increasing popularity of home sewing is pointed up by the fact that two-thirds of the women in this country have sewing machines.

According to a University of New Hampshire report a survey made in late 1955 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service revealed that 62 percent of the women, whose ages were from 18 to 65 years, owned their own machines. Seven percent rented or borrowed theirs.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

THERE IS NO MORE popular topic of conversation these days than education.

Since practically every adult in this country has attended public schools at one time or another, every adult feels himself qualified to give advice on this subject.

Lecturers, panels, editorial writers, and even the girls over their coffee cups deliver themselves of firm opinions on this subject which has had the experts stumped ever since our far-off ancestors began chiseling picture-writing on pieces of stone.

Advocates of more science and mathematics in the schools are receiving the greatest publicity these days, and it is certainly true that we urgently need more and better teaching in these subjects.

There is another field, however, that Marion B. Folsom, our Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, believes is of vital importance and that is the study of foreign languages, and especially those foreign languages which we give so little attention to.

For instance, there are 500,000,000 people in the world speaking Chinese, twice as many as speak English, which stands second in world languages. How many of our schools or colleges have courses in Chinese?

The next language to English is Russian, but while some ten million Russians are studying English, less than eight thousand of us are studying Russian!

Next comes Hindu-Urdu. Not many courses in that in this country! In Russia every college student must study a foreign language native to Asia or Africa.

Thus Russia is not only preparing to win a shooting war, but also the cold war, and it is far ahead of us there.

And so, it is well that we are discussing education these days. Perhaps if enough of us get really interested we can do something, for after all, public apathy is a far more dangerous enemy than Russia or any other country.

## Fresh bud or garlic powder?

One woman would like to know if garlic powder, garlic salt and fresh garlic may be used interchangeably.

Garlic powder may be substituted for fresh garlic. For one medium-sized bud of garlic, substitute one-eighth teaspoon garlic powder. The powder should be at peak strength. It should not be older than six months and should have been stored in a tightly covered container.

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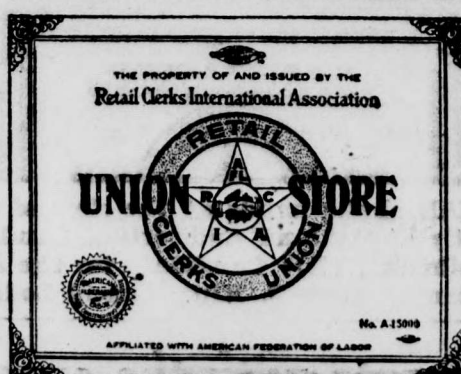
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## Steamfitters 342 and Plumbers 444 to host big meet

The 38th convention of the California Pipe Trades Council will be held at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland, on April 25, 26 and 27, 1958.

Host local unions for this convention will be Plumbers No. 444 and Steamfitters No. 342 of Oakland.

It is anticipated that some 250 delegates and their wives will attend this convention.

Invitations have been extended to General President Peter T. Schoemann of the United Association and other United Association international officers.

Invitations confirmed to date include: James Brownlow, president Metal Trades Department; C. J. Haggerty, secretary, California State Federation of Labor; Bryan P. Deavers, president, California Building and Construction Trades Council; and local heating and plumbing contractors officials.

The California Pipe Trades Council was chartered July 11, 1943 and has 38 local unions and 3 district councils affiliated, which represent some 27,000 plumbers, pipefitters, welders, sprinkler fitters, refrigeration journeymen and apprentices, covering the State of California. Last year's convention was held in Santa Barbara, California.

## Legislators guess open shop to lose

The United Press poll of members of the State Legislature, which recently showed heavy odds that Attorney General Pat Brown would defeat Senator Knowland for the Governorship, in data later released showed the following guesses:

U. S. Senator: Congressman Clair Engle, Democrat, 58; Governor Knight 50, Mayor Christopher, 1.

"Right to work" initiative: A strong majority of the members of the Legislature believe it would lose.

Initiative to repeal tax exemption on private non-profit schools: A strong majority believe it would lose.

Initiative backed by labor to cut sales tax and to cut tax on low and middle incomes: 99 think it will be defeated, 17 that it will carry.

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## Unions are requested to let Culinary locals know about banquets

Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council has sent letters to all affiliated unions calling attention to problems connected with the holding of banquets, dinners, luncheons, and breakfasts on a sizable scale. The letter suggests:

If your union or any other organization of which you are a member is holding a banquet or any other meeting where meals are served, you can help by notifying Fran Kaczmarek, Secretary, Culinary Alliance Local 31, 548 - 20th Street, Oakland (TWinoaks 3-3181) before the affair. After the affair, please notify her of the number of people in attendance.

The same information should be given to Roy Woods, Secretary, Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823, 696 "B" Street, Hayward (LUcerne 1-3030) if the meeting is held in San Leandro, Hayward or the rest of the southern end of the county.

## Knowland oration to well-to-doers

U. S. Senator William F. Knowland of the Tower in a Lincoln Day address to some 1000 well-to-doers in Los Angeles told how much he loves unions so long as they have no union security.

The unions he loves, he made it plain, are what he calls "voluntary," and the unions he just can't bear, the ones with security for the period of their contract, he calls "compulsory."

The candidate for Governor added:

"I do not intend to complacently allow California to become a satellite of Walter Reuther's labor-political empire."

## CLC delegates seated

Delegates seated by President Al Brown at the February 10 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: Jack W. Lubkert, Ralph Sears, Offset Reproduction Artisans 473; Ronald Perez, Commercial Telegraphers 208; Ed LeDu, Alameda County School Employees 257; Robert Clifton, Glass Bottle Blowers 137; Donald L. White, Newspaper Drivers 96; Ernest R. Pimental, C. A. Silva, Barbers 134.

Delegates seated at the February 17 meeting: Arthur Perryman, Electrical Workers 1245; Roland Scrivner, Albert J. Schmidt, Berkeley Fire Fighters 1227; Tony Costanzo, Newspaper Drivers 96.

## Carpenter Council opens February 26

MONTEREY—With area, State and Federal officials as invited speakers, the 30th Annual Convention of the California State Council of Carpenters will be held here next week, with an expected attendance of 300 delegates, representing more than 200,000 members.

"This will undoubtedly be the largest convention of this or any other State Council in the history of the Brotherhood," said Joseph F. Cambiano, San Mateo, president of the Council which he helped found. "We have a tremendous amount of important business on the agenda, and expect full attendance from the district councils and local unions."

The Convention will open at 10 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, in the Pacific Room of the San Carlos Hotel, and continue into Saturday, March 1. It will be preceded on Tuesday, February 25, by the annual meeting of the Carpenters' State Apprentice Committee, The Ladies Auxiliary of the State Council will meet concurrently in the Don Room of the same hotel.

The convention will be called to order by Tom Eide, veteran business representative of Local Union No. 1323, Monterey.

## Sticker operation class for Millmen

Millmen and cabinet makers, whether journeymen or apprentices, are invited to enroll in the sticker operation class at Laney Evening Division of the Oakland Junior College.

Anthony Ramos, business representative, Millmen 550, points out that this class is usually open to apprentices only, but there is room at this time for journeymen. He says that all those who have attended this class in the past are very enthusiastic about it.

The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9:15 p.m. Those interested may call at 1024 Third Avenue between 12:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or phone TEmplebar 6-2622, Ext. 784, after 5:30 p.m. phone TEmplebar 6-3803. The registration fee is \$2.00 and the textbook cost approximately \$4.53.

Eugene Pardini is the instructor. The course includes knife grinding, frequency control, template making, sticker setup, and moulder work.

## Suit welcome Swanson says

Joseph J. Delaney, who since last August has been serving as secretary-treasurer of the Operating Engineers at a salary of \$27,500 a year, is now president of the international union with a \$50,000 salary.

Delaney, 61, succeeds William E. Maloney, 77, who resigned recently under fire by the McClellan Committee. Delaney was chosen as president by the union's executive board meeting at Miami Beach.

Delaney announced that he will bring civil suits against Vic Swanson of San Francisco, for-

mer leader of Local 3, and Ed Doran, former business representative of the local in Stockton.

Swanson said he'd welcome the suit, as it would give him a chance to have his side of the case heard.

COUNTY RELIEF FUNDS in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties are dwindling fast, the welfare directors report, and will soon have to be replenished due to increasing relief rolls. Alameda county, it is estimated, will run short by some \$225,000 by end of the fiscal year.



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Montgomery & Ward Company is one of the biggest strongholds of the oldtime anti-labor group which hasn't heard the news that fair and square negotiations with the Clerks Union is accepted as a regular procedure by modern business concerns.

That is why we have the affirmed and reaffirmed backing of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, and the personal assistance and interest of AFLCIO President George Meany in our campaign to remind all consumers that Montgomery Ward & Company in Oakland and elsewhere is not only unfair to labor, but unfair to the best interests of the American economy.

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## 'School vote: label off; 'hog': taverns

Roy Heinrichs, secretary, East Bay Allied Printing Trades Council, has called the attention of the Central Labor Council to the fact that one elaborate piece of campaign literature put out by the Good Schools Committee for the February 18 election did not bear the union label.

Heinrichs said that it seemed strange that a campaign of which organized labor was one of the sponsors should issue non-label material.

Some citizens noted with shock one of the posters shown in windows by opponents of the \$1.12 raising of the Oakland school tax limit. This poster, bearing no sponsor's name, showed a horrible looking hog with flaming eyes bearing down upon a cringing property owner.

"This monster," the caption said, devours so many millions a year of taxpayers' money. The monster was plainly indicated to be the Oakland school system.

Another angle of the election noted by John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, is the fact that for the first time taverns were open during voting hours. This, Quinn explained, was due to a new State law exempting school elections and some other types of elections from the bar-closing rule.

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## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

At their meeting held February 8, 1958 at Hotel Leamington, the California State Joint Apprenticeship Committee made final arrangements for holding the 1958 California State plumber and pipefitter contest.

This contest will again be held at the California Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, on June 12, 13 and 14, 1958 and will this year include 4th year plumber and pipefitter apprentices along with the 5th year plumber and pipefitter apprentices.

This annual 5th year plumber and pipefitter apprenticeship contest is held to determine who will represent the State of California in the international contest sponsored by the United Association.

The international contest is held annually at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. This year's contest and instructors course will be held during the week of August 10 to 15, 1958. The 1st place plumber and pipefitter winners receive \$1,000.00, 2nd place winners receive \$500.00 and 3rd place winners receive \$250.00. All expenses and wages for the apprentice contestants are paid by the United Association.

Local Union No. 342 has had an apprentice contestant in this international contest in the past, so let's have a winner on our State contest. This will make him eligible to participate in this international contest.

We also wish to inform the applicants for apprenticeship that by action of the apprenticeship committee and the approval of the membership, they are required to have a journeyman member with them for a sponsor in order to be accepted into the program. This is at the time they appear before the union committee for their first interview, which is to the second Monday of each month.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Pipe Trades Council was held on Sunday, February 16 in San Francisco. Local Union No. 38, San Francisco, was the host local union and had a very nice luncheon for the 40 delegates. The principal speakers were General Organizer Virtue and Apprenticeship Coordinator Dan MacDonald. They brought the delegates up to date relative to problems confronting the United Association in the State of California. The meeting was informal and the exchange of

information is beneficial to all United Association local unions.

Election of Officers was held, all incumbents being reelected. These officers are: James Martin, chairman; James Pollard, secretary-treasurer; and one representative from each local union, who constitute the executive board.

Brother Earl Gibson was elected delegate to the California Pipe Trades Council convention to represent the Northern Pipe Trades Council.

The business office would like to remind those members who have not paid their dollar, "California State Federation of Labor Right - to - Work assessment," please do so as soon as possible as the money is needed now.

Our next meeting will be held on March 6, 1958.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

For the benefit of the members working in San Mateo county, this is to inform you that a letter went out to the employers this past week, relative to your increase in wages to \$2.80 per hour as of March 1, and a change in your work day week to Monday through Friday or Tuesday through Saturday, for forty hours.

**SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP:** The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

## Paper industry unions, employers in safety meet

Unions and employers in the California paper industry are holding their 12th annual safety conference February 21 and 22 at the Bellevue Hotel, San Francisco.

International Representative A. W. Hannaford of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers Union disclosed that frequency of accidents in the industry on the Pacific Coast has decreased more than five-sixths since annual safety conferences were first held in the three coast states. The accident rate hit a record low last year.

Hannaford, Ray Bradford, international representative of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and S. W. Grimes, manager of the Pacific Coast Pulp and Paper Manufacturers Association are members of the conference planning committee. The session is jointly sponsored by their organizations.

Speakers will include Judge William McGuinness, of Oakland, and Harry D. Sayre, executive vice president of the United Papermakers.

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## BTC urges boycott of the Ward store

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nal was quoted as having said that he served 13 terms in the Minnesota Legislature, when actually he served three terms in that body. Brother Waldal, recording secretary of Hayward Carpenters 1622, says that the seeming claim to so many as 13 terms as a legislator has caused him some embarrassment.

### ALTERNATES AUTHORIZED

On recommendation of the Board of Business Agents, the council voted, under the new constitution, to allow affiliated locals to send alternate delegates. These alternates, when the regular delegates were present, would have voice but no vote; in the absence of regular delegates, would have voice and vote.

### BTC CONTRACTS

It was announced that the following had signed contracts with the council: Tide Construction Company, Inc., G. Campagna signing as president.

### GEORGE MARTIN CO.

Childers reported that the George Martin Company had planned to use workers other than building tradesmen on a job, but after a conference had given up the idea.

### DEMO CONVENTION

Childers said that he thought the recent convention of Democratic Clubs of Alameda County which nominated John Holmdahl for State Senator, Nick Petris for Assemblyman in the 15th District, and Jeff Cohelan for Congress in the 7th District was a very lively and good one. The fact that there were only 40 votes less in the last balloting than in the first one showed, he said that people were interested and stayed to do their part.

## New York Republicans turn down 'right-work'

Republican legislative leaders in New York state have reaffirmed their opposition to "right to work" laws, it was announced recently by the New York Times.

The statement against "right to work" featured a lengthy draft of the GOP's legislative program for 1958 as announced by Republican Party leaders in Albany.—State Federation Newsletter.

**ASSEMBLYMAN BYRON RUMFORD** will receive a gold plaque for his outstanding interest in education, at the luncheon of the Alameda County Educational Association at Castlewood Country Club Saturday, February 22, with District Attorney Coakley making the presentation.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

## Hoodlum not his pal, says Bridges

Harry Bridges has confirmed the statement of the New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission that the ILWU has donated \$3000 to the campaign of one Edward T. Fitzpatrick to organize the hiring bosses on that waterfront into a union.

The commission, which was established to try to oust hoodlums and corruption from that waterfront, says that Fitzpatrick is the brother-in-law of Al Accalitis, a hoodlum on the piers.

Bridges, who has been known for some time to be trying to get a foothold on the Eastern piers, says he doesn't know Fitzpatrick's relatives, and that the Waterfront Commission "is not going to tell us who we can contribute to."

## Profound mystery puzzles Ash much

No matter how obscure an official in the Truman Administration was, if his wife was the recipient of a mink stole or a typewriter from some lobbyist, it was "the Truman Administration" that got the mink or the typewriter in the press reports.

Now, however, when a distinct smell of corruption smogs over Washington, the press reports that some commissioner or other got the whatever it was, but the Eisenhower Administration isn't mentioned as the getter of what was got.

This interesting change in journalistic climate was mentioned by Secretary Bob Ash to the Central Labor Council, and he professed to be quite puzzled as to how all this came about.

## Walgreens to pay discharged clerk

An adjustment board functioning under terms of the contract between Food Clerks 870 and the drug industry has awarded \$613.20 to a woman discharged by Walgreens, covering several weeks pay, holiday pay, etc.

Richard Groulx, Russ Mathiesen, and Russ Crowell were the labor members of the 6-man adjustment board, which settled the issue without having recourse to the provision for an impartial seventh member.

Secretary-Treasurer Harris Wilkin said that he felt the adjustment board did a very competent job.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

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Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Registrations are now open for delegates to the California State Pipe Trades Council convention to be held April 25, 26 and 27, 1958 at Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

There was first reading of registrations at the membership meeting February 20, 1958. Registrations will be closed February 27, 1958 at 9:00 p.m. Election of delegates will be held at the special called membership meeting to be held March 20, 1958. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, at this election the members will vote to apply the .25c increase already negotiated, effective July 1, 1958, as wages or on a vacation plan.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary,  
Business Manager

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Hope to see you at the next meeting of the Local March 13, 1958.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. February 26, 1958.

All meetings will be held at the above specified address.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CLERKS AND LUMBER HANDLERS 939

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, February 28, 1958. All regular meetings thereafter will be held on the fourth Friday of each month until further notice.

Death assessment No. 6 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Special meetings seem to be the regular procedure with us nowadays. The special meeting called to follow the regular meeting Friday, February 21st is to elect a vice president; one delegate to the old Southern Alameda County Voters League, now called Council On Political Education, and six delegates to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1622

The February 14 basket social was postponed to February 21 because of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances.

As previously announced the basket social was arranged for a brother who has suffered a blood clot on the brain which is causing loss of vision.

Dancing and entertainment will follow the sale of baskets. Proceeds will be used to send the brother to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, for treatment in an effort to restore his sight.

The local will hold the Friday, February 28 meeting as previously announced.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, February 28, 1958, 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, at 2:00 p.m. March 1. Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held March 1, 1958. Time: 8:00 p.m., with the executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Place as agreed on: Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley, on the west side of the avenue just north of Bancroft Way. There are many problems of

importance for consideration, so please make every effort to attend. Refreshments as usual, with Coffee Jennin and Cooky Beaver active.

Fraternally,  
CHARLES HOBBS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California. We will have the regular order of business.

A CORRECTION—In a list of the officers of your Local 444 the telephone number of Michael A. Cahill, chairman of the Finance Committee, was given incorrectly. His correct telephone number is Kellogg 2-3888.

Fraternally,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Bus. Mgr. & Fin. Sec.

## New Laundry Union getting recruits

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our new international charter, and 35 local unions have already come over with us, representing some 30,000 of the 90,000 originally in the old outfit. So, although withdrawals from Fagan's group did not begin till the first of the year, we've already won a third of the membership, and will proceed to get more."

Maney added some strong "human interest" details. He said that at the meeting in San Francisco, "one big member of the Teamsters threatened us with physical violence." Maney said that he was a warm friend of many members of the Teamsters Union, but "evidently there are some elements in that union that are working with the old Fagan outfit, and they might as well understand from the start that we are not going to be pushed around."

Jack Goldberger, president of the San Francisco Labor Council, told the gathering of the locals staying with the ousted international that he had formerly favored the merger of AFL and CIO, but now regretted that the merger had taken place.

Goldberger said the CIO unions were embarked on a "quest for power."

Goldberger is a Teamster, an official of the San Francisco Newsdrivers.

300 MORE HOMEBUILDING jobs were authorized in nine Bay counties during January than in December, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports—a total of 2630 new homes in January.

## Hutchinson cites Geo. Meany maxim

John Hutchinson, Berkeley Teachers, at a recent meeting of the Central Labor Council, commented critically on the way he feels organized labor is handling its political affairs.

At both the Statewide Democratic Council meeting in Fresno, and the Democratic convention of the Democratic Clubs in Oakland, "labor was all over the lot," he said, exhibiting divisions and dissensions which should have been settled beforehand.

At Fresno, he said, while a labor caucus was held to discuss a candidate for Senator, some idle rumor about something else swept through the group, and that was discussed, but the key matter of the nomination for Senator was not taken up at all.

Hutchinson felt that in general organized labor had failed to realize the importance of George Meany's maxim that the center of gravity in labor affairs has moved from the collective bargaining table to legislative halls.

## ACLU intervenes in postal firings

The American Civil Liberties Union office in the Bay Area is taking up the cudgels for Conrad C. Eustace and Thomas Monroe, president and secretary, respectively, of Local 1136, United Postal Workers, a CIO affiliate.

The two men have been notified they face firing for leading a group of pickets in front of the San Francisco Post Office November 27 of last year.

Leaflets distributed by the pickets condemned the Government's failure to recognize the union and appealed for public support for pay increases, health and welfare benefits, and freedom of political action.

## Al Clem, new financial secy., Engineers 3, has long been an Oaklander

Al Clem, the new financial secretary of Operating Engineers Local 3, has for the past 15 years been senior business representative in charge of the Oakland office. The Oakland office is one of the busiest offices outside the



AL CLEM  
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headquarters one in San Francisco, with the largest number of contracts and the largest staff.

Clem also serves as one of Local 3's trustees.

Clem was on the executive board of Hoisting & Portable Engineers Local 59, one of the locals merged later to form Local 3, and in 1941 joined the executive board of Local 3, and has held that post ever since.

In 1941 he became a business representative, working out of the Stockton and Oakland offices, later taking over the handling of the Oakland office.

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## Weekend picketing of Ward's boosted

More than 500 local unions throughout the state joined in the Retail Clerks' fight with Montgomery Ward in response to the most recent appeal from the California State Council of Retail Clerks.

Larry Vail, State Council secretary, announced that requests from over 500 local unions poured in within ten days after the letter went out. Many of them, he said, were joining the fight for the first time, while others were merely renewing requests for information materials to supply their members.

The State Council had offered local unions a folder describing the Clerks' dispute with Wards, windshield stickers and special "Don't Monkey With Wards" stamps. The materials are free and may still be obtained by addressing a request to the Council at 821 Market Street, San Francisco.

Meantime, a program of intensive weekend picketing has been initiated throughout the state, with special emphasis being put on Saturday coverage of Wards stores.

## Many 2-year jobs in shipyard deal

Jobs for between 400 and 600 craftsmen for a period of up to three years are expected to materialize as the result of a \$29 million dollar contract to build two freighters for American President Lines.

The contract was awarded by the Federal Maritime Administration February 14 to the Bethlehem-Pacific shipyard in San Francisco under the law which permits fair regional allocation of such work.

The Moore Drydock Company in Oakland made a bid more than \$1 million under the original bid of Bethlehem-Pacific. But the lowest bidder of all, a Seattle firm, withdrew its offer, and this threw the deal open to negotiations, which resulted in the award to the San Francisco yards.

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## Building trades, industrial unions okay latest jurisdiction proposal by Meany

MIAMI BEACH — Hope for agreement on jurisdictional disagreements between industrial unions and building trades unions of the AFLCIO rose markedly when the two groups accepted a new proposal by President George Meany.

The proposal took the form of identical letters from the AFLCIO head to President Richard Gray of the Building and Construction Trades Department and to Director Al Whitehouse of the Industrial Union Department.

The letters were identical, except for the deletion of two lines, with letters sent to the two departmental officials by Meany on July 1 last year.

The letters note that two areas exist in which the jurisdictional lines between the building trades and industrial unions are clear.

The deletion occurs in the definition of the so-called hazy area between new building construction, on the one hand, and production and running maintenance work on the other.

The Meany letter of February 5 says: "Between the two clear areas set forth above there is a doubtful area. In this doubtful area, decision should be made on the basis of established past practices on a plant, area, or industry basis."

The July 1, 1957 letter had added, at the end of the first sentence quoted above; "... involving such work as alterations, major repairs and relocation of existing facilities, changeovers and other types of maintenance work."

The Building and Construction Trades Department, which had declined to ratify the earlier, more specific version last summer, announced that the February 5 letter had been unanimously accepted by the 18 presidents of building trades unions.

The Executive Committee of the IUD announced formal ratification February 6, but had indicated semi-formally that it would accept the letter, as it had the earlier version last summer.

The Meany proposals for machinery to resolve disputes were identical in the February 5 letter with those he had proposed last summer.

They call for the AFLCIO to place on its staff three persons nominated by the Building Trades and three by the IUD, with the six-man group composing three teams working under the direction of the AFLCIO president. They will work full time adjusting disputes between the building trades and industrial unions "in keeping with the policy" stated in the Meany letter.

Disputes which the teams cannot settle will move to a three-man committee composed of the president of the Building Trades, the director of the IUD and a person named by President Meany. Cases which this committee cannot resolve will be referred to a special committee to be created by the Executive Council.—AFLCIO News.

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## Mohn to head West Oakland schools tax rise defeated

Teamsters President James R. Hoffa has announced that Einar Mohn will come to San Francisco, and make it his headquarters as head of the Western Conference of Teamsters. Hoffa said that the executive board of the big union approved unanimously Mohn's appointment as successor to Frank W. Brewster.

During the Brewster regime Seattle was the headquarters of the 11-State group.

Mohn, who a dozen years ago led the successful fight of the Teamsters to win over the canner workers, left San Francisco in 1953 to serve in Washington, D. C. as executive assistant to Dave Beck, then president of the union.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Safeway Stores, Incorporated, declared quarterly dividends of 25¢ per share on the company's \$1.66½ par common stock, \$1.00 per share on its 4% preferred stock and \$1.07½ per share on its 4.30% convertible preferred stock.

Oakland voters Tuesday defeated the proposed \$1.12 school tax 32,374 to 26,351. The proposal would have permitted increasing the school tax limit from \$2 to \$3.12. Organized labor was one of the many civic groups supporting the measure. Heavy rains fell most of the day, and presumably helped to keep some two-thirds of the voters away from the polls.

## Three Carpenters officers indicted

Maurice Hutcheson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, was indicted Tuesday in Indianapolis, with Vice President O. W. Blaier and Treasurer F. M. Chapman, on charges of bribing a State official in a right-of-way highway deal.

The three union officials invoked the Fifth Amendment some months ago when questioned by a Senate subcommittee.

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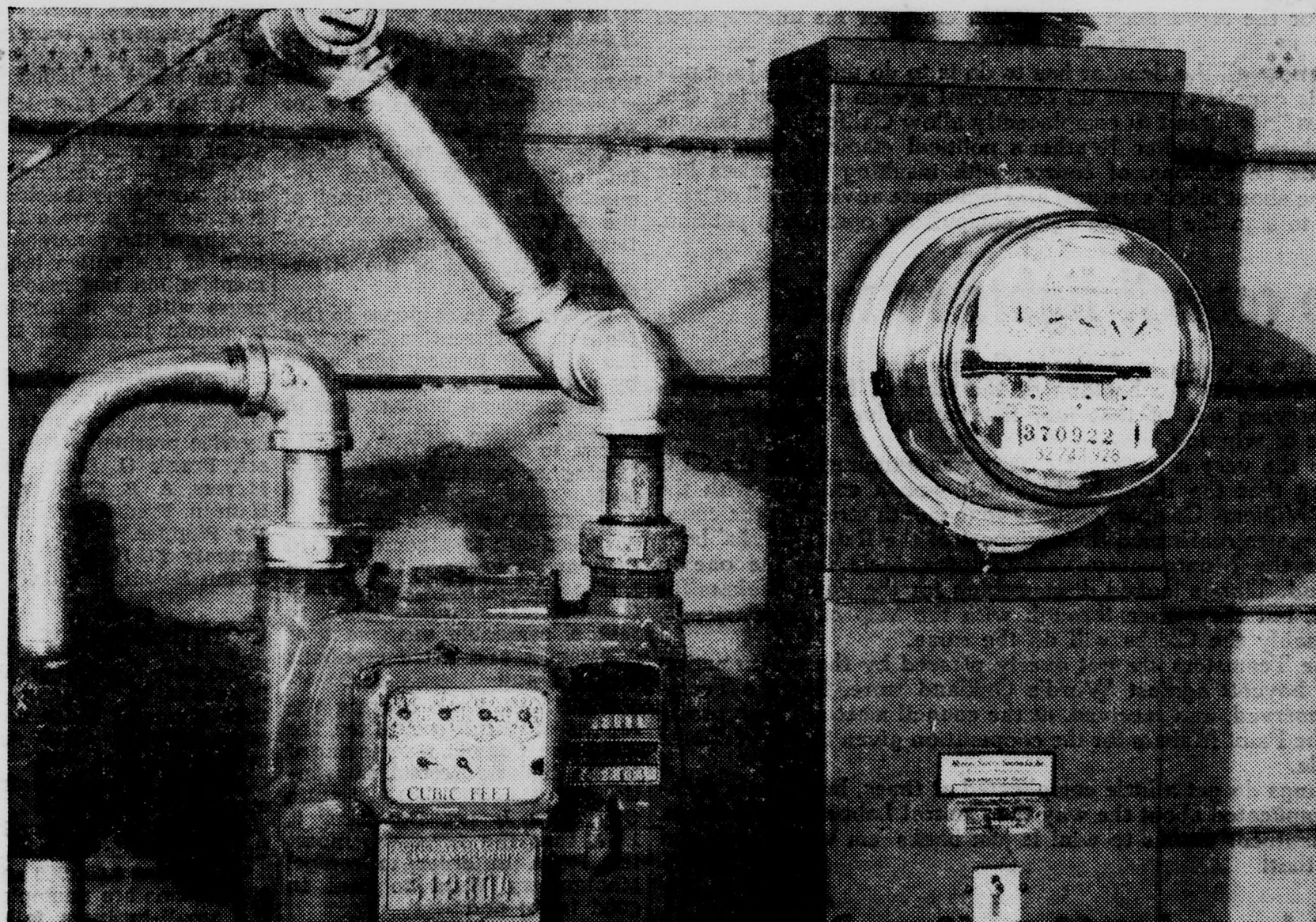
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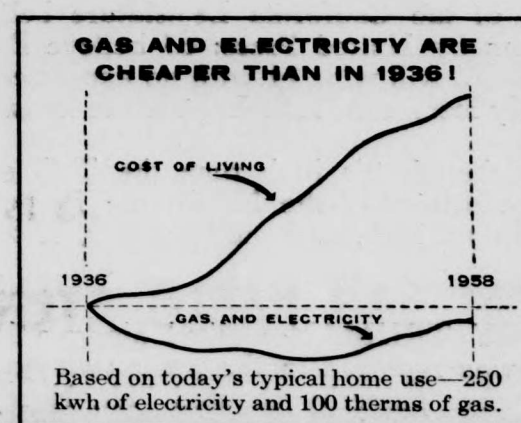
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## Senator feels hurt: we don't sign his petition

Senator Knowland is aggrieved to learn that the AFLCIO in California advises citizens not to sign the petition to place on the November ballot the compulsory open shop initiative dear to the Senator's heart.

"One can deduce that they fear a direct mandate" from the people, the Senator opines.

This is an amusing bit of hypocrisy on the part of the Tribune's candidate for Governor. He knows well enough that during the period signatures are being gathered for an initiative both sides always take advantage of the opportunity to wage a preliminary campaign against their opponents on the issue. This is legitimate and standard political procedure.

The Senator also knows that it is his crowd which has the big money, and which can afford the heavy costs of both the preliminary campaign for signatures, and the still more heavy costs of waging for months the battle against the measure once it has qualified for the ballot.

The Senator knows, too, that his big money crowd has for many years deliberately put measures on the ballot which cost labor money it cannot afford, and the expending of which prevents labor from putting money into fighting reactionary candidates put up by Knowland's big money crowd. So naturally labor tries to save itself from the frightful costs of a fight against an anti-union initiative once it has been placed on the ballot.

Finally, the Senator knows that he himself has just recently carried through successfully a preliminary campaign to save himself the expense of a battle in the Republican primary. In that notorious preliminary campaign the Senator went all over the State getting the big money of his crowd lined up for him—to such an extent that Goody Knight abdicated and left the field for the Republican nomination clear for his unscrupulous rival.

So now all the Senator has to do is to do until the June primary is over is to make an occasional speech announcing that he does "not intend to complacently allow California to become a satellite of Walter Reuther's political empire." This rodomontade he seasons, of course, with insulting hypocrisies like this one about labor's natural and legitimate advice to all citizens NOT to sign the Senator's pet compulsory open shop petition.

## The council fights to win!

When a union in Alameda County has a tough job on its hands and gets the backing of the Central Labor Council in the carrying out of that job, that union has a mighty good chance of winning.

On the very same night that it was announced at the CLC meeting that the Paint Makers had won a contract with the C. K. Williams Company after a four-month struggle, the council delegates reaffirmed their support of the Retail Clerks' boycott of the Montgomery Ward stores, including the one in Oakland. Things looked discouraging for the Paint Makers for a time, but they came through with the help of their friends; presumably the Clerks will do the same.

The Teamsters are not overly pleased by the reaffirmation of the boycott against Ward's Oakland store. But the Teamsters deserved, and received, at the council meeting, high praise from the Paint Makers for the cooperation given in the Williams struggle.

Things do get a little complicated at times, but there's nothing complicated about the way the Central Labor Council backs its constituent unions to win! It just backs 'em whole hog, and that's that!

## Legislators bet 63 to 43 on Brown!

Governor Pat Brown is destined to be the way history will record the next chief executive of California, the majority of the members of the California Legislature believe, according to a poll taken by United Press: 63 believe Brown will win, 43 that Knowland will win; 14 with no expressed opinion.

Presumably members of the Legislature know how the grass roots tingle.

Looks as though it's high time the Trib sent a reporter around to the offices of the NAM, the Associated Farmers, the Pacific Union Club, and similar joints, to take a little poll of its own.

AS HARRY TRUMAN walked along a busy street the other day it was reported in the press that at least six truck drivers and other passerby shouted "Hi, Harry!" That little spark of news warms the heart.

## 'Seen the News, Colonel?'



ANTI-ORGANIZING ORDINANCES



## CLERKS APPRECIATIVE OF WARD BOYCOTT AID

The following resolution, adopted by the executive board of the Retail Clerks International Association, was presented to the Central Labor Council by John Philpott, regional director for the Clerks, and read in full to the delegates by Secretary Robert S. Ash at last week's CLC meeting:

WHEREAS the Retail Clerks International Association is now and has been for several months engaged in a significant struggle against Montgomery Ward Company in defense of retail employees; and

WHEREAS the oppressive and arrogant policy of this powerful corporation has become an affront to the dignity of labor, by appropriating to itself the sole right to determine wage classifications and by denying to its employees the right of collective bargaining, which is the strongest bulwark of human dignity for wage earners; and

WHEREAS the Retail Clerks International Association requested the Executive Council of the AFLCIO to use its good offices to help bring about an honorable settlement of the differences; and

WHEREAS, in response to this request, the Executive Council of the AFLCIO immediately acted by appointing a sub-committee of its members, Brother Joseph Keenan and Brother James Carey, to assist the RCIA in obtaining an equitable settlement; and

WHEREAS this sub-committee did meet with Montgomery Ward Company numerous times in furtherance of the time-honored tradition of organized labor, to seek a peaceable settlement of differences and avoid economic conflict; and

WHEREAS, upon hearing the reports of its sub-committee, the Executive Council recommended to the historic Second Convention of the AFLCIO, Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 6, 1952, that the AFLCIO support the RCIA in order to compel Montgomery Ward to deal in good faith; and

WHEREAS the AFLCIO Convention went on record to give fraternal support to the RCIA; and

WHEREAS such support is being so well given by the affiliated Unions, Central Labor Councils and State Federations throughout the length and breadth of the nation that Montgomery Ward Company is being made to feel the righteous indignation of millions of citizens in every community where Ward stores operate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the RCIA, in session at Miami Beach, Florida, January 27, 1953, express to the Executive Council of the AFLCIO our sincere appreciation for the magnificent fraternal support

we are receiving from the AFLCIO through its executive officers and the devoted help from the sub-committee which they designated and from our sister unions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we especially express our appreciation for the painstaking interest and forthright statement in support of our cause by AFLCIO President George Meany, whose moral judgment and courageous leadership inspires us all to stronger devotion to the cause of labor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we are determined to use all of our resources — national and local — in militant struggle, until our victory is achieved; and that we will prove ourselves worthy of the generous fraternal help of the united labor movement which has made common cause with us in our battle for economic justice for retail employees.

Signed by James A. Suffridge, president; Vernon A. Housewright, secretary-treasurer; and by vice presidents Guy A. Sackett, Frank C. Shea, Samuel J. Meyers, A. B. Crossler, Paul W. Hansen, Fred A. Ammond, Murray Plopper.

January 27, 1953  
Miami Beach, Florida

## Congress jobs

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat of Texas, emphasizes that Congress must not ignore other problems while striving to overcome Soviet gains.

He said these were among the other problems:

- Farmers are caught in a tight economic squeeze.
- Between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 persons are unemployed.
- Small-business failures are at too rapid a rate.
- Necessary work has not been completed to conserve natural resources.
- The cost of living is still rising.

## Shortsighted

Desperate and fearful little clots of shortsighted citizens may succeed in delaying a mite longer the full enfranchisement of the Negro in the Deep South. But it is a deceptive delay.

These sorry people have frozen themselves into a ridiculous tableau of unreality. They have clutched at the hands of the clock in a futile effort to set time back.—Edward P. Morgan AFLCIO radio commentator.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .

We Run 'Em!

## GEORGE STOKES OF TEACHERS ON SCHOOL MONEY

Editor, Labor Journal:

I can no longer remain quiet on the February 18 Oakland school tax ceiling increase election. I quote from the article on page 7 in the February 7 edition of the Journal.

"Higher salaries are not the chief reason for the increase, the (Good Schools) committee emphasized. The major need is for additional teachers, new textbooks and supplies and to take care of the backlog of building maintenance."

This statement clearly explains why I have and still do oppose supporting the \$1.12 tax ceiling increase as made quote to meet the needs of the Oakland schools.

Additional teachers, books and supplies, and building maintenance will NOT produce better education in Oakland. Only top teachers produce top learning.

Higher salaries for teachers are needed to get and keep the best teachers. First rate salaries commensurate with the training, responsibilities, and working conditions are the only way to get first rate people into teaching. Competition produces quality; but who will compete for a teaching job when the pay for the work is so low?

You get what you pay for, and, if you are not willing to pay for the best teachers then stop complaining because the quality of education is not the best.

The proposed \$1.12 tax ceiling increase will not do the job unless it is spent primarily to raise teacher's salaries. And it must be taxed to the limit and spent at once. But "higher salaries are not the chief reason for the increase!"

As a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Oakland Local No. 771, and as a delegate to the Central Labor Council it was my understanding that both groups voted "not to oppose the \$1.12 increase." To my way of thinking, not opposing a measure is a great deal different from supporting one. However, by their actions I know that both groups have supported the campaign for \$1.12 financially and with campaign speakers. Therefore, I am not writing this letter as a representative of either labor group, but as an individual.

I cannot support any inadequate proposal. I cannot support spending an amount of money, which is very limited, in areas that will not produce significantly better education for the children in Oakland.

If labor—including the teachers union—is truly interested in better education they must work for high teacher salaries.

The "Good Schools Committee" may produce good schools, but it takes good teachers to produce good education, and it takes good salaries to get good teachers.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

GEORGE D. STOKES

Editor's Note: The above letter was received by East Bay Labor Journal after the February 14 issue—the last one before the February 18 election—had gone to press. Nevertheless, although the election is now history, the viewpoint of Brother Stokes merits expression.

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## REFUGEES

The Hungarian refugee seems to have had a good break and our community enriched by his presence. That we may all have to go through this again is only too possible in this era of the dispossessed. — National Council on Naturalization.